

## [2-1] Is the US willing to go to war over Taiwan?

- If yes: We will not allow Taiwan to be invaded
  - Make this public
  - We're going to stop you with naval, with the objective of stopping the invasion
  - Should be prepared to shoot down Chinese forces, will stop an invasion
  - Willing to take military action and generate forces, willing to defend ally but we do not war
  - Seek additional de-escalation from PRC

## [3-1] What capabilities and policies are viewed as offering the greatest leverage to achieve US objectives?

- Economic (staggered)
  - Congress to treasury
  - Pause swift engagement with China
  - Freeze Chinese companies on stock market
  - Warn allies of counterblockade so they can get out of the region
  - Encourage allies to restrain trade with China pending resolution of crisis
  - If any company does an exchange with China then they will be sanctioned
- Military
  - Move carriers into position
  - Move missile defense capabilities into region
  - Depending on allies, move fighter wings, aircraft carriers, missile defense, aircrafts to Australia and Japan
  - We will defend our allies and our forces
  - Will not sink humanitarian ships, but if they are military then we will take action
  - No mines in straits at this point
- Diplomatic
  - Tell China our red line for invasion of Taiwan
  - UN security council, request for emergency meeting
  - Build coalition with all available and willing allies
  - Presidential speech to the nation

# Additional thoughts

- South Korea wants to know if we want to use their bases
  - Would like to deploy our assets to defend our allies, also send to Japan and Australia
  - Ask if they want to join in coalition
- Russia: sees current matter as trigger-happy Taiwan, supports China. Takes same position as with Hong Kong, should be viewed as internal Chinese matter
- Ask Taiwan if they see China gearing up, what might be future military operations
- Ask China what their intentions are
- Ask Europe what their level of commitment, related to economic measures, diplomatic backchannel
  - Willingness to back up if it went to war
- Ask NATO for article 5, if Japan or ROK bases are attacked or Taiwan invaded

## [1-1] Now that the crisis has become a shooting war between the PRC and Taiwan, what are the US options?

### • Options:

- Say “Taiwan, defend yourselves”
- Figure out non-negotiables, what we will not give up
- Send marine corps with long range
- US has capability to get rid of Chinese invasion fleet, we can sink them – Taiwan will not be invaded
  - Other assets can be secondary
  - Send bombers to Guam, move military into indo-pacific
- Only relying on economic doesn't work, China won't stop. Once Taiwan is gone we lose ROK too. Says that pacific isn't worth it.
- Red line: we are not going to let Taiwan be invaded
  - Start putting mines in to slow down invasion
  - Talk to allies, Japan/ROK, to disperse aircraft to deter China invading
  - Continue convoys, sneak some supplies/missiles into Taiwan (not publicly)
  - Sell to American people that this hit was deliberate, get support of country
- Firm message that we would take direct action might make them pause

# Information during gaming

- China is going to start a complete blockade and send humanitarian aide
  - Assume Taiwan will sink vessels
  - Tell China we do not recognize
- ROK doesn't want to upset China by using their destroyers
  - North Korea could use this to invade
  - ROK uncomfortable with putting armed forces and dispersing, okay with putting forces under ROK
  - \*don't want argument with ROK right now, but Congress will question our commitment to ROK if they're not willing to work with us
    - Wants to remind US they are following treaty by the letter
- Japan good to go with convoys under Japanese flag, okay with dispersing assets
- Australia providing naval vessels, okay with dispersing assets

[1-2] Now that the crisis has become a shooting war between the PRC and Taiwan, what are the US options?

- Realistic off ramps?
  - An Armenia/Az type situation, both declare a win
- How/Should the US support Taiwan?

## [2-2] Is the US willing to go to war over Taiwan?

- If no:
  - Not in our interest, but there are other ways we can have a strong response (mainly economic)
  - Give China an alternate road and bring up economic thoughts
  - Longer game, but the economic cost we could impose would be high enough to potentially stop them
  - But this would tell other pacific nations that we would not defend them either
  - We would not be breaking promises by not defending Taiwan
  - If we don't go to war over Taiwan right now we open options to figure it out through other ways

## [1-2] Now that the crisis has become a shooting war between the PRC and Taiwan, what are the US options?

- Diplomatic?

- Confidence building measures for alliances (Japan, ROK)
- Some measure of endeavor where our alliance is support Taiwan
- Talk to Taiwan about a ceasefire, what would we talk about if we could achieve a ceasefire

- Military?

- Mining, move in supplies/missiles to follow through on statement that Taiwan not be invaded
- Risky, don't think we can control escalation dynamics because they are a nuclear weapon state
- Air born brigade on alert, moving air forces
  - F22s, f35s
- Deploy assets to allies for defense (if it floats and flies)
  - Move carriers from Indian Ocean and San Diego, maybe even Norfolk. Move all carriers.

- Economic?

- Try to bleed China into backing off, will it work? Worth looking further into
- Should have congress buy its own bonds so if China tries to sell them
- Do we confiscate Chinese holdings? Do we say we won't honor sale of Chinese owned US treasuries
  - There are 217 Chinese companies on US exchanges(some might be American owned)
- Start lower level with ability to increase pressure
- Turning swift off for the Chinese